

## *District IV Commissioner Romney Rogers*



**Focus on District IV** – On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, I met with the City Manager and key staff from Public Works, Sustainable Development, and Transportation & Mobility, to discuss many issues facing District IV. Topics included flooding in low-lying areas from storms and tides, historic properties, proposed developments, public transit, and options for making our neighborhoods safer and more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly.

**Revisiting Las Olas** – Following up on the December 2010 Workshop I convened, the City organized a Neighborhood and Las Olas Shopping District Traffic Workshop on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Broward College. It featured an open format with a facilitator and scribe. The 150+ attendees were encouraged to share comments and concerns about the Las Olas corridor between SE 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the Intracoastal. The main goal was to identify neighborhood and merchant issues and gather ideas to address these areas. The City informed residents that their 48 comments, concerns, and suggestions would be given to a consulting traffic engineer to provide direction for future community improvements.

**All-American City Finalist** – Fort Lauderdale has been named a finalist for the 2013 All-American City Award. This year, the program is focusing on communitywide initiatives that honor and benefit veterans and military families. Next year, the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the program, the focus will be on communities that foster healthier lifestyles for their residents. The National Civic League has invited 20 communities to the awards, which will be held June 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> in Denver, CO. For details, see [http://fortlauderdale.gov/press\\_releases/2013/040413allamericacityfinalist.htm](http://fortlauderdale.gov/press_releases/2013/040413allamericacityfinalist.htm).

**Beware Fraudulent Website!** The Police Department is investigating a possible fraudulent website, <http://findsportsnow.com>, offering registrations for some City of Fort Lauderdale Parks & Recreation activities and classes. Anyone interested in participating in such a program is encouraged to visit our legitimate website, <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/life>, for information. If you have used the fraudulent website to register for an activity or class, or if you have further information, please contact Detective Michael Berndt at 954-828-5513.

**Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale** – The City Commission has voted unanimously to adopt the citywide vision plan, “Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale.” The heart of the plan is our 2035 Vision Statement, an inspirational view of the future and what our community wants to become. I invite you to journey with us to the Fort Lauderdale of 2035, as envisioned by you, our neighbors. For more, please visit <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/vision>.

**Hardy Park** – On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the City Commission approved \$726,847 for multiple improvements at Hardy Park.

**Marshall Point Bridge** – If you’ve driven over the drawbridge on SW 4<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Avenues recently, you may have noticed how the newly installed concrete wheel paths on the draw span effectively mitigate the noise. In a 60/40% split with Broward County, the City contributed its 40% cost-share of \$152,000 to get this project completed.

**Stars on Parade** – On May 1<sup>st</sup>, my wife Candace and I attended “Stars on Parade” at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. During the event, Wini and Joe Amatore were presented with the Arts Education Spirit Award, and 50 talented Broward County high-school seniors received more than \$50,000 in scholarships toward their post-secondary education in the arts. Among the many memorable performances was David Maslanka’s Symphony No. 9, performed by the Wind Orchestra from Charles W. Flanagan High School in Pembroke Pines. This annual event is a partnership between the Broward Center and the School Board of Broward County.

**Monthly Civic Packet** – Contact Shannon Vezina at [svezina@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:svezina@fortlauderdale.gov) to receive the packet by e-mail.

### **For Your Calendar –**

- Monday, May 13, 7 PM: Marine Industry Strategy Workshop, Beach Community Center, 3351 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.
- Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 PM: Planning & Zoning Board hearing on Marina Lofts, City Hall First Floor Chambers.
- Wednesday, May 15, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM: Fort Lauderdale Transportation Summit, FAU’s Downtown Campus.
- Monday, May 20, 7 - 8 PM: Telephone Town Hall with Mayor Jack Seiler. Call toll free 855-269-4484 to join in.
- Saturday, May 25, 10 AM - 10 PM: Great American Beach Party, Fort Lauderdale Beach, A1A and East Las Olas.
- Sunday, May 26, 11 AM - 2 PM: Sunday Arts, Esplanade Park along the New River.
- Monday, May 27, 9 AM: Memorial Day Service, Lauderdale Memorial Park, 2001 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (City Hall closed).
- Friday, May 31, 7 PM: Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale’s Burger Battle, Huizenga Plaza. <http://www.GoRiverwalk.com>.
- Las Olas Sunday Market: 9 AM to 3 PM every Sunday on the plaza at YOLO, 333 East Las Olas.

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